

The Sermon of the Week

Jesus Is The Door To God's Sheepfold

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Text: John 10:1-11

THE GOSPEL of John contains many so-called "I AM" statements of our Lord. It is in John that such statements as these are found: "I am the vine," "I am the Good Shepherd," and "I am the bread of life."

In today's text, we hear the Savior say, "I am the door." As with the other "I AM" statements of Jesus, the "I AM" of our text emphasizes the unique place that Jesus Christ has in our lives.

LET'S LOOK at this "I AM" statement of our text and learn anew that Jesus is the door of the fold of God and the door to the abundant life.

Picture yourself in Palestine almost 2,000 years ago. From a hillside you are looking down into a valley. Not only does your eye catch a stream in the valley, but you also see a rather large enclosure with four high walls. It is a sheepfold.

On top of the walls there are thorns to keep out thieves and robbers. There is a narrow entrance for admittance to the enclosure. It is the door of the sheep.

USING THIS picture of the sheepfold, Jesus says, "I am the door of the sheep." With these words, Jesus emphasized the unique place which He occupies for people. He is the door through which people gain entrance to God's fold. He is THE door. Through Him and through Him alone men enter the church.

Jesus wants no one misled about this. Jesus is manifestly disturbed at this time by those who appropriate to themselves the place of the

door to God, which He alone occupies.

IN HIS day, there were those whom Jesus labeled thieves and robbers who set themselves up as doors to God to trap people and devour their souls. In our day there are those who say, "Here is the door. Live the life of godliness, service, and brotherly love." Many are being misled to believe that they can thereby gain access to God.

It is a do-it-yourself kind of approach to God that has wide appeal among people of today.

AS SHEEP of the Good Shepherd, we must be alert to distinguish the voice of God from the voice of men. As Sheep we can be misled.

Holiday Fair

The second annual Holiday Fair will be held Saturday at South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave., from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featured will be handmade articles booth, white elephants, and art display.

Adventists

'Happy Natives' Myth Exploded

The typical concept of South Sea islanders splashing contentedly in tropical waters will be shattered in a special report being made to members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1610 Acacia Ave., this Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

The natives, say the report, won't touch the water at all.

The report, being presented to the local church by Mr. G. Karpe, cites the living habits of islanders on East New Britain near New Guinea, and was prepared for presentation to the local church by K. J. Bullock, principal of the Adventists Jones Missionary College on the east coast of New Britain.

"A mission ship from Jones Missionary College calls at isolated villages along New Britain's coast to give medical aid to hundreds who are terribly ridden with disease," Principal Bullock's report notes.

"Stepped in superstition, these people, although they live right on the beach, will

not go into the water to bathe, many of them not having had water on their bodies for months. As a result of the filth and other unsanitary habits malnutrition, pneumonia, skin complaints, malaria, and other diseases ravage the people," says the report.

"A fleet of 12 mission ships now ply the waters surrounding the many hundreds of islands of the South Seas bringing medical help to these people about whom the world thinks in romantic terms, but who in actuality lead a miserable existence."

The Saturday morning mission report, says Mahlon Gilbert, Sabbath school director of the local church, is one of a series being presented to inform members of needs of Seventh-day Adventist missions aboard.

Rally Slated

Southern California District Lutherans are planning a Rally on Feb. 23 for California State College in Los Angeles. Speaker for the occasion will be the Reverend Oswald Hoffmann, who speaks under the auspices of the Lutheran Layman's League on the largest non-government radio in the world—the Lutheran Hour—which carries its message into more than 120 lands in over 35 languages and which is broadcast over 1,000 stations.

'Facing Change' Is Presbyterian Luncheon Topic

The Women's Association of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will meet Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a Thank Offering and Dedication luncheon. "Facing the Challenge of Change," a film strip report on past accomplishments of this yearly offering, will be shown.

A guest soloist from the Chancel Choir will provide the music and Mrs. Richard Mills will give the devotions.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. Ruth Rogers or Mrs. Earle Hart.



MUSIC MAKERS... Modern sounds for the young people will be among the features of the international fall fair to be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1432 Engracia Ave., Saturday. From left here are Phillip Stone, trumpet; Mike Swendson, saxophone; Tim Percy, drums; and guitarists Rick Russell and Robbie Alves. The day-long affair also will feature games, baked goods, and a general bazaar. A dinner featuring international foods will be served by Women of the Church in the evening.

New Riviera Sanctuary To Be Dedicated Sunday

A special inaugural service signifying the formal opening of the Riviera United Methodist Church's completed sanctuary will be conducted in the church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach, this Sunday at 10:10 a.m. Representatives of the architectural and construction firms will be present for the services as well as those of the organ builder.

The church will be formally consecrated by Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area on April 27. The Inaugural Service marks the completion of six years of effort on the part of the church building committee, working with designers, engineers and construction personnel to bring their plans into reality.

The present structure was erected, together with site improvement, parking facilities, organ and furnishings at a cost of approximately \$475,000 over the period of one year, following ground-breaking Oct. 1, 1967.

The lower level of the building, including a kitchen, social hall, stage, storage areas and a choir rehearsal room, still remains to be completed in another phase of the building program.

Lutherans Revitalize Layman Organization

A local chapter of the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) is being revitalized at Ascension Lutheran Church, 17910 S. Prairie Ave. Ted Ulkus, Roll Call Membership Representative, is heading up the effort to recruit members during a Fall and Winter Membership drive.

Ulkus explained, "The ultimate goal of this membership drive is to enable the local LLL to maintain a broad program of Christian service so that a pool of individual talents may be used in a far-reaching program of missions, stewardship, and education."

The Lutheran Laymen's League is an arm of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. It is best known for its sponsorship of the Lutheran Hour, a radio program beamed to over 135 countries, and This Is The Life, a television program viewed weekly by an estimated 10 million people.

Ulkus, a resident of Lawndale, is past chairman of Ascension's Board of Elders and served as congregational representative for the Synod's Southern California District Convention at Phoenix, Arizona, earlier this year.

Chapel Choir To Perform

The public is invited to a concert featuring the Wayfarers' Chapel A Cappella Choir from Portuguese Bend, and Dorothy Simpson, pianist from Hollywood. The concert will take place on Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the Hollywood Beverly Christian Church located at 1717 N. Gramercy Place in Hollywood.

Active Life

"Active Living... Now!" will be the message brought Sunday by Dr. Frank E. Richelleu, pastor of the Redondo-Torrance Church of Religious Science, 907 Knob Hill Ave., Redondo Beach. Services are at 9:30 and 11 a.m.



JOHN A. FORD

Tales of Mission Heroes Slated

John Arnold Ford, Southland speaker and singer, will narrate stories of settlement in the southwestern United States to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints-Redondo Second Ward Saturday.

The evening meeting will be held at the church located at 101 N. Broadway in Redondo Beach.

Entitled "Heroes of the Great Southwest," Ford's program is presented as a community service by Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Companies in cooperation with the Southern California Symphony-Hollywood Bowl Association.

Son of retired Los Angeles County Supervisor John Anson Ford, has appeared as bass soloist with the San Francisco and Los Angeles Opera Companies and with the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Mission Impossible Scheduled

Can you think of twenty-five things 500 high school students can't do? Such a list has been made. Saturday night 500 students will try to solve these Impossible Missions.

The students, from all over the South Bay, will meet at the Torrance Recreation Center at exactly 6:59 p.m. for a city wide event called MISSION IMPOSSIBLE. They will board busses by schools. Then the students will be handed the twenty-five sealed envelopes containing the missions labeled impossible.

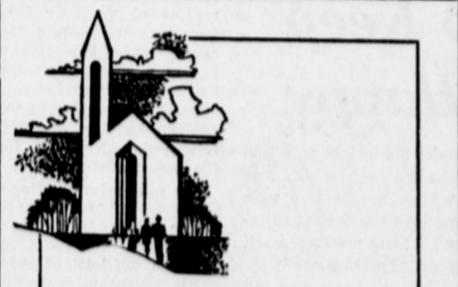
Should they or any passenger on their bus accomplish a mission, they will receive points for it (rated by degree of difficulty). The group will have one hour and 45 minutes to tally up as many missions as they can.

This city-wide event has been planned for all high school students in the South Bay area. It is sponsored by Campus Life.

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LSD Film To Be Seen

Speaking on one of the major problems of the day, Rev. Paul Friedman will preach at The Harbor Church, 1032 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Harbor City, Sunday at 7 p.m. Included in the presentation will be a 20-minute film entitled "LSD—Insight or Insanity?" Pastor Robert Pruett extends to all of the Harbor and South Bay areas an invitation to share in this service.

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